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Docket Number: 3495-7000US3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Chalmer KIRKBRIDE, et al. :
Serial No. TBA (Division of 09/522,475) : Art Unit: TBA
Filed: Herewith : Examiner: TBA
For: PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR CONVERTING OIL SHALE OR TAR SANDS
TO OIL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows. A copy of the rewritten portions of the specification showing deletions and insertions is attached to this amendment (entitled "Attachment 1"). No new matter has been added by the amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please rewrite the paragraph starting on page 1, line 9 as follows.

This application is a division of a continuation-in-part application Serial No 09/522,475 filed on March 9, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No 09/058,184 filed on April 10, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,139,722, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/843,178, filed on April 14, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,902,554, which in turn is a

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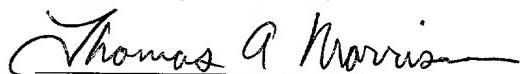
division of application Serial No. 08/551,019, filed October 31, 1995, now U.S. Patent No.

5,681,452, each of which is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

REMARKS

Applicants look forward to prosecution on the merits. Should the Examiner find that a telephone or personal interview would expedite passage to issue of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachment 1

All additions are shown underlined, e.g., the, and deletions are shown in brackets, e.g., [the]. Amendments are shown bolded.

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